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What's On

APRIL - JUNE



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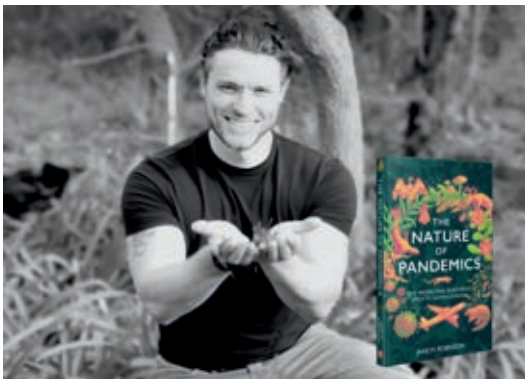
Adult Programs

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries provide a range of adult programs, with something for everyone.

The Nature of Pandemics: Author Event

Join Dr Jake Robinson for an eye-opening talk on his new book, 'The Nature of Pandemics'. Jake explores how pandemics are ecological crises that require ecological solutions. Learn about the pathogens most likely to spill over next, how outbreaks unfold constantly in wildlife, and – crucially – the rays of hope and the practical solutions emerging from holistic thinking and cutting-edge science.

When: Thursday 9 April
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more.

KESAB Waste Presentation

Want to know what goes in which bin? KESAB will provide an informative and interactive presentation that explores the common waste services in your area. Learn about the 'what, how and why' of resource management in SA with like-minded people!

When: Tuesday 28 April
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential
8234 7255 | sarah@kesab.asn.au



World Book Day 'Read-In'

World Book Day is an annual event dedicated to celebrating books and promoting the joy of reading. Bring a current read to 'Read-In' together! All welcome. Complimentary tea and coffee provided. See page 14 for more activities.

When: Thursday 23 April
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



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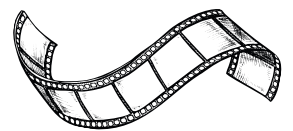
Film Fridays

Join fellow film lovers on the last Friday of the month for some movie magic in the morning and stay for a cuppa and a chat.

When: 24 April, 29 May & 26 June
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more.





The Friends of the Library Stirling **Autumn Book Sale**

Sat. 11 April
10am - 4pm

&

Sun. 12 April
1pm - 4pm

Coventry Library,
Stirling

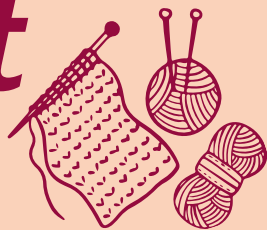


Freshly baked
biscuits and slices
for sale too!



Stock up on your favourite reads at great prices at our Autumn Book Sale! There will be a wide selection of books for all ages and interests, with proceeds supporting The Friends of the Library Stirling. Bring a friend and a tote bag and pick your next cosy read or three.

Worldwide **Knit In Public Day**



Join us at the library to celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day on Saturday 13 June. Bring your own project, start something new or pick up a pair of needles for the first time. Wear your best hand-knits and come together to enjoy community knitting. Share tips, make new friends with fellow lovers of yarn and you could even win the lucky door prize. All welcome - beginners, experienced, curious to learn! All crafters welcome.

Lucky door prize

Afternoon tea

Yarn swap

Knit and natter

Sat. 13 June
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Coventry Library,
Stirling



Scan the QR code to find out more. FREE event!
Bookings not essential.

Adult Programs



A Historical Heist: an evening with the author of 'The Butterfly Thief'

In January 1947, a chance discovery rocked the world of natural science: over 3,000 butterfly specimens had vanished from Australia's most prestigious museums in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide. Drawing on unpublished case files, dossiers, and private archives, journalist Walter Marsh explores this scientific true-crime caper and the enigmatic Englishman at its centre. Along the way, a deeper history begs an uncomfortable but vital question: What if Western museums were crime scenes all along?

When: Friday 29 May
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$5 | Bookings essential | Light refreshments



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Upcycling Embroidery Workshop



Join local embroidery artist Lily Adelaide Upton for a relaxed upcycling embroidery workshop. BYO item to upcycle - a t-shirt, cap, tote, pillowcase, anything fabric will do! Lily will walk you through some basic embroidery stitches, then you can choose a design from flash sheets to upcycle your item. Anyone from beginners to experienced embroiderers are welcome!

This workshop is for adults only.

When: Saturday 30 May
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 | Bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.

Scarf Knitting Workshop

Are you an 'experienced beginner' knitter looking for your next knitting project? Join Rebecca from Augustbird and learn the techniques needed to complete your first PetiteKnit's Sophie Scarf in this fun, informative and relaxed workshop. Digital pattern included - BYO wool and needles.



When: Sunday 31 May
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 | Bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



A celebration of books, writing and ideas streamed straight from the Sydney Writer's Festival to us at the Coventry Library, Stirling. Explore fantastical places, unpack politics and hear a world of stories, real and imagined.

Thursday 21 May

11:30am - 12:25pm Yann Martel: *Son of Nobody*

1:30pm - 2:25pm Stephanie Alexander: *The Cook's Companion 30th Anniversary*

3:30pm - 4:25pm Bringing the Past to Life with Robbie Arnott, Yann Martel & Tasma Walton in conversation with ABC Radio National's Kate Evans

5:30pm - 6:25pm David Szalay: *Flesh*

Friday 22 May

11:30pm - 12:25pm Susan Choi: *Flashlight*

1:30pm - 2:25pm Trent Dalton: *Gravity Let Me Go*

3:30pm - 4:25pm Great Adaptations with Mick Herron & Suzie Miller in conversation with Benjamin Law

Saturday 23 May

11:30am - 12:25pm *The Future of Democracy: Trump's America* with Jon Soper

Sunday 24 May

1:30pm - 2:25pm Antoinette Lattouf: *Women Who Win*



Libraries

No need to book - just drop in! Scan the QR code for more details



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at AHC Libraries' *History Weekend*

Thurs. 28th - Sun. 31st May

The South Australian History Festival runs May 1st-31st. We are excited to celebrate with a jam-packed History Weekend! You are invited to learn, play, and craft while we reflect on the past and consider how it impacts our present and future.

Thursday 28 May

2:00pm - 4:00pm Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society 'BYO Treasures'

Friday 29 May

7:00pm - 8:30pm A Historical Heist: an evening with the author of 'The Butterfly Thief'

Saturday 30 May

10:30am - 12:30pm Old-School Games Morning. DIY wooden spinning tops, classic schoolyard games & board games (all ages)

1:30pm - 3:30pm Upcycling Embroidery Workshop with Lily Adelaide Upton

Sunday 31st May

1:30pm - 2:45pm Musical Performance: Glenn Skuthorpe

1:30pm - 3:30pm Scarf Knitting Workshop with Rebecca from Augustbird



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. Check out our Reconciliation Week events - we look forward to seeing you there.



Musical Performance: Glenn Skuthorpe

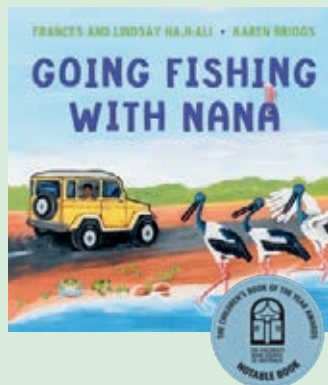
Join us for a special afternoon of music in the library with Glenn Skuthorpe. A master of melodies, Glenn is one of Australia's most prolific and powerful lyricists, composer and performer. He's earned his place on stage with some of the biggest names in music, such as Buffy Sainte-Marie, Steve Earle, Kev Carmody, Archie Roach, Rory McLeod, Michelle Shocked, Buddy Miller and Mary Gauthier. As an impressive composer of soundtracks for movies and documentaries such as The Emu Runner and John Pilger's Utopia, Glenn is also the founder of First Nations Voices - an initiative which provides emerging or established indigenous artists with opportunities to perform together in a concert in the rounds.



Exhibition: Karen Briggs Illustrations

Visit our exhibition featuring artwork from local artist Karen Briggs. Karen is an illustrator, graphic and digital designer, and contemporary First Nations artist and Yorta Yorta woman, now living and working on Kurna land. The exhibition

highlights illustrations from her most recent picture book, 'Going Fishing With Nana' (Written by Frances and Lindsay Haji-Ali, Magabala Books, 2025).



When: 25 May - 13 July

Time: During opening hours

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

When: Sunday 31 May

Time: 1:30pm - 2:45pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling



Digital Literacy

Develop your skills and confidence to connect with today's digital world.

Tech Help One-on-One

Get free, one-on-one help with your smartphone, laptop or tablet in a relaxed, jargon-free session tailored just for you. Sessions run for 60 minutes and are tailored to your level of experience. Beginners are absolutely welcome, and you can make follow-up visits as often as you need.

When: Mondays 11:00am &
Thursdays 2:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

When: Alternate Wednesdays
Time: 10:00am
Where: Woodside Library
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

When: Alternate Wednesdays
Time: 3:00pm
Where: Gumeracha Library
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Android Help One-on-One

When: 6 May, 27 May, 10 June, 24 June
Time: 10:00am & 11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Family History: Getting Started

An introductory session in a small group to get you started researching your family history.

When: Selected Fridays
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Family History: One-on-One Research Help

Receive one-on-one support to explore your family history further. Get tips on where to look, how to interpret findings & find out more about what DNA tracing can offer.

When: Selected Fridays
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



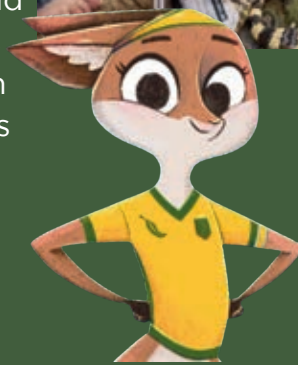
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National Simultaneous Storytime

with animals from
Warrawong
Wildlife Sanctuary!

Every year an Australian picture book is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Join us as we read 'Luna Roo' together and stay for an up close and hands on experience with animals from Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary. You will need to book your spot for this special Wednesday storytime! For children ages 2-5.

When: Wednesday 27 May
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.

Action Rhymes is now at Gumeracha Library



We've updated our Children's Programs offerings to include a new Action Rhymes session (18 months - 3 years+) at Gumeracha Library on Wednesdays at 11:00am.

Join us at our Early Childhood Programs during term time to read, sing, talk and play with your child and connect with other parents and carers - all welcome! Attendance is free and no bookings are required. See details on Page 15 of this guide.

School Holidays

Find a family friendly and fun activity for the kids this school holidays!



Upcycled Jar Lanterns

Design and craft your own lantern from upcycled plastic and glass jars with Autumn leaves, pressed flowers and coloured tissue paper. Experiment with colours and shapes and light up the school holidays! For ages 5-12.

When: Monday 13 April
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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When: Monday 13 April
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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Tinker and Test Lab (Drop-In)

In this open ended, hands-on STEAM session, you are invited to explore your creativity and build your own marvellous machine. Design, construct, and experiment using a range of provided materials. There's no right or wrong way - just tinkering, testing, and discovering what works. Your imagination is the only limit.

When: Tuesday 14 April
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Learn, Build and Code LEGO Robots

Construct, connect, code and control! Guided by LEGO expert Ben from Learn With Bricks, in this workshop you will investigate robotics, coding and all elements of STEM to build a super cool LEGO robot. Ages 6-13.

When: Wednesday 15 April
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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School Holidays

Foam-tastic Tote Bag Printing

Design, create and print your one-of-a-kind artwork on a cotton tote bag using foam printmaking techniques, stencils and fabric markers. Experiment with pattern, texture and colour and make your own statement! For ages 5-12.

When: Thursday 16 April

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



When: Wednesday 22 April

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Where: Woodside Library

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR codes to find out more and book.



Playful Printing

Playdough, bubbles, shaving cream, marbling... let's print it all! Attendees will learn creative printing techniques and take home several prints. Be prepared for messy fun - wear 'painting' clothes. Ages 5+.

When: Monday 20 April

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



When: Monday 20 April

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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Mario Kart Party at Stirling Library

After an absolute blast of a time last holidays, our Mario Kart Party is BACK! Rotate between racing your hardest in the Mario Kart 8 videogame, creating awesome Mario-themed crafts, and cheering on the other racers while enjoying delicious snacks. Open to all, whether you're new to Mario Kart or just want a relaxed gaming hour with some friendly competition. For ages 7-14.

When: Friday 17 April

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential

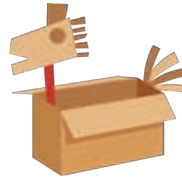


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Cardboard Kingdom at Gumeracha Library



Drop in to our Cardboard Kingdom and cut, saw, fold, screw and create! With the dynamic duo of your imagination and your trusty Makedo tools, there are endless possibilities for what you can make with upcycled cardboard. Let's build! For ages 5+.

- When:** Tuesday 21 April
Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Where: Gumeracha Library
Bookings: Free, bookings not essential but it's handy for us to know how much cardboard to gather!



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DIY Craft Table & LEGO Drop-Ins

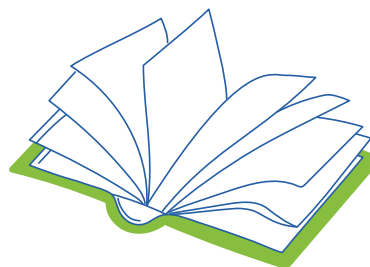
Through the school holidays we will have craft tables and LEGO stations set up at Stirling Library, Woodside Library, and Gumeracha Library. Drop past at any time during library opening hours to craft or build something fabulous! Recommended for ages 5+.

Scavenger hunt

Can you find all the cool characters and decipher the message in our Scavenger Hunt? This is a great activity to complete (or compete) with the family. Visit the front desk to collect your instructions and get scavenging around our branches.



School Holidays



World Book Day

World Book Day is an annual event dedicated to celebrating books and promoting the joy of reading. We are excited to present a range of book(ish) activities to enjoy together!

'Read-In' Hour

Let's celebrate by reading together! Bring a current read or borrow one and enjoy an hour of calm collective reading. Our Youth Collections Officer Zoe will also be "in the house" to chat about the new Young Teen Collection, provide recommendations and answer your questions! All ages welcome.

- When:** Thursday 23 April
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Zine Making Drop-In

Ever wanted to write your own book? What about a comic? Here's your chance! Make a Zine (short for magazine). All ages welcome.

- When:** Thursday 23 April
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



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Book in A Box Dioramas

Construct a book in a box diorama and bring your favourite stories to life in 3D. Design and build your own secret miniature world or scene inside a box ready to be discovered through the peephole. Ages 7-12.

- When:** Thursday 23 April
Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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AHC Libraries

Children's Programs



MONDAY | *Woodside*

Baby Bounce Birth - 18 months 10am-10:30am	Action Rhymes 18 months - 3+ years 11am - 11:30am
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TUESDAY | *Stirling*

Baby Bounce Birth - 18 months 10:15am-10:45am	Action Rhymes 18 months - 3 years 11:15am - 11:45am
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WEDNESDAY | *Gumeracha*

Baby Bounce Birth - 18 months 10am-10:30am	Action Rhymes 18 months - 3+ years 11am - 11:30am
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THURSDAY | *Stirling*

Storytime 3 - 5 years 10am-10:45am	Baby Bounce Birth - 18 months 11:15am - 11:45am
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Discover what each session involves

Scan the QR code for more information



Libraries

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries

Coventry Library

63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am - 6pm
- Thu: 10am - 7pm
- Sat: 10am - 4pm
- Sun: 1pm - 4pm
- Public holidays: Closed

Gumeracha Library

45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

- Mon: 9am - 2pm
- Tue, Thu: 12pm - 5pm
- Wed: Self service 9am - 2pm
- Fri, Sun: Closed
- Sat: 11am - 2pm
- Public holidays: Closed

Woodside Library

26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 9am - 5pm
- Thu: 11am - 7pm
- Sat: 10am - 1pm
- Sun: Closed
- Public holidays: Closed



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